

system introduced in June, 1985 without reduction in the weekly working hours as under six day week, was reviewed through study conducted by the Department of Administrative Reforms in February, 1987 and November, 1988 and was recommended for continuance. On a further review in the light of the recommendations of the 5th Central Pay Commission, Government Departments whose functions are pre-dominantly marked by public dealings or of commercial nature have been advised to review the existing arrangement and switch over to six day week working wherever feasible.

Filling of Backlogs of SCs/STs

2746. SHRI K.M. KHAN:

SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total backlog of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes appointments and promotions in respect of different classes of Government Employees, as on 1st April 1999 and 2000;

(b) the special steps taken and/or being taken to fill this backlog; and

(c) the further steps being taken following the adoption of the Constitution (90th Amendment) Bill, 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The desired information is not centrally available.

(b) and (c) Consequent upon incorporation of Article 16(4B) in the Constitution by the Constitution (Eighty-First Amendment) Act, 2000, orders have been issued by Government to all its Ministries/ Departments to carry out a review for early assessment of the backlog vacancies in respect of SCs and STs both by way of direct recruitment and promotion and to make concerted efforts to fill up backlog vacancies.